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SUBJECT: TOLBERT THE MEDIATOR

1. LIBERIAN AGE AUGUST 10 FROUNT-PAGED STORY REPORTING PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S MEDIATION IN KENYA-UGANDA DISPUTE. AGE ASSERTS THAT, WHILE TOLBERT WAS CONSIDERING OFFER TO MEDIATE, AMIN REQUESTED IT AND TOLBERT AGREED. LATTER REPORTEDLY THEN SENT AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE DOSUMO JOHNSON (NOW ON GOL DELEGATION AT COLOMBO) AS SPECIAL ENVOY TO KAMPALA AND NAIROBI TO CONFER WITH AMIN AND KENYATTA "WITH A VIEW TO EASING TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SISTER STATES." REPORT CONTINUES THAT BOTH AMIN AND KENYATTA "MANIFESTED ENTHUSIASM FOR PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S TIMELY INTERVENTION," AND IMPLIES THAT DIRECT KENYA-UGANDA TALKS NOW GOING ON RESULTED FROM EFFORTS OF TOLBERT'S SPECIAL ENVOY. CHARGE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH PRESIDENT WHEN OPPORTUNITY ARISES AND WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS (MOST OF WHOM ARE AT COLOMBO) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. LIBERIAN STAR AUGUST 10 ALSO FROUNT-PAGED A STORY PORTRAYING TOLBERT AS MEDIATOR. ACCORDING THIS STORY, WHICH ALSO COVERS KENYA-UGANDA GROUND IN SAME TERMS AS AGE DID, AMIN HAS REQUESTED TOLBERT TO MEDIATE BETWEEN UGANDA AND THE U.S. (AND BRITAIN). PRESUMABLY THIS REPORT REFERS TO SOME ACTION BY AMIN IN CONTEXT

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OF RECENT EVENTS (E.G. ENTEBBE AND BREAK WITH BRITAIN) AND NOT THE

REQUEST AMIN MADE TO TOLBERT LAST JANUARY (MONROVIA 0059 AND 0325).
SO FAR EMBASSY HAS HEARD NOTHING OFFICIAL FROM GOL ON THIS
MATTER. EMBASSY ASSUMING, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, THAT
DEPARTMENT HAS NO RPT NO INTEREST INITIATING ANY DISCUSSION THIS
SUBJECT WITH GOL.

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